

JUNE 9, 2015

PORT ST. JOE, FLORIDA

REGULAR MEETING

The Gulf County Board of County Commissioners met this date in regular session with the following members present: Chairman Ward McDaniel, Vice Chairman Carmen L. McLemore, and Commissioners Joanna Bryan, Sandy Quinn, Jr., and Warren J. Yeager, Jr.

Others present were: County Attorney Jeremy Novak, Clerk Rebecca L. Norris, Clerk Finance Officer Sherry Herring, Deputy Clerk Leanna Roberts, Chief Administrator Don Butler, Assistant Administrator Michael L. Hammond, Building Official Lee Collinsworth, Building Inspector George Knight, E9-1-1 Coordinator Ben Guthrie, Gulf County E.M.S. Director Houston Whitfield, Deputy Grant Coordinator Kari Summers, Mosquito Control Director Mark Cothran, Preble-Rish, Inc./County Engineer Clay Smallwood, III, Public Works Director Joe Danford, Sheriff Mike Harrison, Tax Collector Shirley Jenkins, and Veterans' Service Officer Joe Paul.

Sheriff Harrison called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m., E.T.

Chairman McDaniel opened the meeting with prayer and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

CONSENT AGENDA / INFORMATION PACKET

Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There was no public comment. After discussion from Staff and members of the Board, Commissioner Bryan requested that Chief Administrator Butler have Parks Director Traylor provide a priority list of park projects for District III. Commissioner Quinn requested to pull Page 124-126 (Item #5 * Gulf County S.H.I.P. Participant/Decedent Forgiveness Policy) to add language regarding selling or renting the property. Commissioner Yeager motioned to accept the Consent Agenda with those changes to Page 125 suggested by Commissioner Quinn regarding Item #5. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. Cora Curtis, of Port St. Joe appeared before the Board to inquire about family occupancy (from Item #5). County Attorney Novak stated that family will remain as heirs. There being no further public comment, the motion passed unanimously, as follows:

1. Minutes – April 22, 2015 – Special Meeting
 - April 28, 2015 – Regular Meeting
 - May 5, 2015 – Special Supplemental Budget Meeting
 - May 5, 2015 – Special Meeting

2. Approval of Checks and Warrants for May, 2015 which are incorporated herein by reference, pursuant to Chapter 136.06 F.S.
3. Agreement – Division of Emergency Management (State-Funded Subgrant * 16-BG-83-02-33-01-022 * \$105,806.00)

– Division of Emergency Management (Federally-Funded Subgrant * 16-FG- -02-33-01-089 * \$54,765.00)
4. Bid Award – Bid #1415-21 * Purchase New Full Size SUV 4X4 for Emergency Management (River Ben Ford * \$41,150.16)
5. Policy – Gulf County S.H.I.P. Participant/ Decedent Forgiveness Policy
6. Request – Beach Blast Triathlon (Temporarily Close U.S. Highway 98 * September 12, 2015)

– Gulf County E.D.C. (Approve Tri-fold Marketing Brochure)

– Gulf County Public Works (Proceeds from the Metal Sold go to Public Works Budget * Purchase Wheeled Excavator)

– Run for More Lives (Organize Run at Veterans' Park Beacon Hill * October 3, 2015)

– Gulf County T.D.C. (Approve Sponsorship & Special Funding * Fiscal Year 2015-16 * \$75,000.00)
7. S.H.I.P. – Award Letter (Alva Lee Parker * Rehabilitation Assistance)
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NRDA PROJECTS – F.D.E.P.

Chief Administrator Butler discussed an email from Florida Department of Environmental Protection <copy provided to the Clerk for the record> regarding the NRDA (Natural Resource Damage Assessment) Projects for Highland View Boat Ramp, and Beacon Hill Veterans Memorial Park. Commissioner Bryan suggested that the funds for the Indian Pass Boat Ramp be applied to the Highland View Boat Ramp; reporting that the Highland View Boat Ramp is underfunded. After discussion by members of the Board and Chief Administrator Butler, Chairman McDaniel directed Chief Administrator Butler to contact Florida D.E.P. to advise them of the main concern from the Board is to move the Highland View Boat Ramp with these funds. After discussion, Commissioner Bryan motioned to allow Mosquito Control Director Cothran to work with Florida D.E.P. on these projects. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

APPLICATION – RESTORE ACT/MULTI-YEAR IMPLANTATION PLAN

Chief Administrator Butler reported that the application has been submitted to the U. S. Department of Treasury for the MYIP (Multi-Year Implantation Plan) as required by the RESTORE Act; stating that included in the application was funding for a Restore Coordinator. He also reported that this position is under advertisement.

INSURANCE – AUTO, PROPERTY, LIABILITY, & WORKER'S COMP

Following discussion by Assistant Administrator Hammond and recommendation by the Insurance Committee, Commissioner McLemore motioned to remain with the current insurance carrier of PGIT (Preferred Governmental Insurance Trust). Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed 3 to 1, with Commissioner Bryan voting no and Commissioner Yeager abstaining due to serving on the Insurance Board <FORM 8B on file with the Clerk>.

GAS TAX ROAD BOND, SERIES 2015

Assistant Administrator Hammond reported that the Chairman is scheduled to tentatively to sign the bond documents on Tuesday, June 23rd after the Board meeting and the closing will be set for Wednesday, June 24th.

REPORT – COUNTY-WIDE MANDATORY GARBAGE PICKUP

Assistant Administrator Hammond reported on the negatives of "hard" mandatory garbage pickup, as follows: 1) \$50,000.00 cost for study to determine who will pay and at what rate; 2) first class letter must be mailed to every affected property owner at an estimated cost of \$12,000.00; 3) cannot be implemented until the 2017 budget year with billing to begin in November, 2016; 4) a resolution would need to be passed by January 1, 2016 to notify the Constitutional Officers that will be effected; and, 5) would need to be appropriate in the current budget year approximately \$65,000.00 for preliminary work. He also reported that "soft" mandatory garbage pickup can be implemented immediately and can be done by ordinance; stating that the negative is enforcement. Assistant Administrator Hammond stated that the estimated households currently using garbage services was incorrect and Waste Pro has provided an accurate list; reporting that the savings for "hard" mandatory garbage pickup will save the payer \$3.00 per month. After discussion, Commissioner Bryan requested that a copy of Assistant Administrator Hammond's report be placed in her inbox in the Administration Office. After discussion by members of the Board, Commissioner Yeager stated that he needs to hear more about this issue before moving forward. After discussion by members of the Board, Commissioner Bryan discussed holding a workshop to discuss this matter further. Assistant Administrator Hammond stated that he is only providing information that was requested by the Board, no recommendations are being presented today.

TRANSFER STATION – WASTE PRO

Commissioner Bryan asked for an update regarding the transfer station. Chairman McDaniel reported that the property has been cleared and Waste Pro is working on the site. Commissioner Bryan requested a status report. County Attorney Novak stated he will provide a status report at the June 23rd meeting.

TRAVEL – NACO CONFERENCE

Following discussion by Deputy Grant Coordinator Summers, Commissioner Quinn motioned to authorize Commissioner Yeager to vote, on behalf of the County, at the July NACo (National Association of Counties) Conference (only member attending this conference). After discussion, Commissioner McLemore seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed unanimously.

MONTHLY REPORT – GULF COUNTY E.M.S.

E.M.S. Director Whitfield appeared before the Board to present the May, 2015 monthly status report for Gulf County E.M.S. <copy provided and on file with the Clerk for the record>.

MEETING – PACES FOUNDATION (GATEWAY MANOR)

Commissioner Quinn discussed meeting with the PACES Foundation regarding the affordable housing project (Gateway Manor); reporting that representatives of the PACES Foundation will return in a month to meet with Staff and the public.

EMAIL ACCOUNTS

Commissioner Bryan discussed email accounts; stating she has been shut-out of her email account as of Friday afternoon. Assistant Administrator Hammond discussed the policy and the recent vote by the Board that Deputy Administrator Lanier is to get a copy of all ingoing and outgoing email from the County; reporting that Commissioner Bryan's password was changed, prohibiting the ability of IT to set this up so the email account was reset. Commissioner Bryan discussed her concerns regarding email accounts and passwords. After further discussion, Assistant Administrator Hammond stated that if a public records requests came in last Thursday, everyone's email could be accessed, except District III. Discussion followed.

EXPENSE REPORT – GULF COUNTY JAIL

Commissioner Bryan requested an actual expenditure-to-date report on the Gulf County Jail (Gulf County Detention Facility).

ORDINANCE – BEACH DRIVING

Commissioner Yeager requested approval to allow the County Attorney to meet with the Tax Collector and the Sheriff regarding the Beach Driving Ordinance.

SEA SHORE DRIVE ROAD EXPANSION

Teddy Mariolis, of Gulf Aire appeared before the Board to discuss his concerns regarding ATV speeding, driving on his lawn, and destroying his mailbox on two (2) different occasions. He reported that he is against the new access point (access path at Sea Shores Drive). Commissioner Bryan motioned to allow Mr. Mariolis additional time to speak. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion. The Chairman directed the Clerk to add three (3) minutes to the clock. <No further discussion by Mr. Mariolis, as he finished speaking at the buzzer.>

GULF AIRE ACCESS PATH

Phillip Carroll, of Gulf Aire appeared before the Board to discuss his concerns regarding one (1) person wanting this access path opened instead of the group/subdivision. He reported that 124 people have signed a petition against this access path. Commissioner Bryan motioned to allow Mr. Carroll additional time to speak. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion. Chairman McDaniel directed the Clerk to add three (3) minutes to the clock. After discussion, Mr. Carroll requested that the Board vote down the opening of the access pathway. Elden Durand, of Gulf Aire appeared before the Board to discuss his concerns regarding the access path; requesting that the County work with the subdivision to barricade this access. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. Mary Depue, of Gulf Aire appeared before the Board to present a petition representing those who are against the access path. John Grantland, of Gulf Aire appeared before the Board to discuss the presented petitions; requesting that the County temporary open the access path until the sidewalk is built. Chairman McDaniel discussed cutting a path so that the children could play with one another (between the two subdivisions). Rhett Butler, of Gulf Aire appeared before the Board to report the only way in and out of Gulf Aire is by Highway 98; noting you cannot use a golf cart on the highway. He requested that the Board cut a path so they can ride their golf carts and bikes safely. Kay Reid, of Gulf Aire appeared before the Board to state that property owners know the rules before building a house and discussed her concerns regarding the access pathway. Melissa Ferrell, of St. Joe Beach appeared before the Board to request a safe path for children. Tony Lee, of Gulf Aire appeared before the Board to discuss his concerns regarding the access path; stating that he had no problem with a nature trail or path, but did not want to see it turned into vehicle traffic. He discussed a petition that was presented to the Board several years back requesting that this access point be abandoned; reporting that the issue was tabled by the Board and was never brought back before the Board. After discussion by members of the Board. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no further comment, Commissioner McLemore motioned to open the access pathway (end of Sea Shores Drive), only wide enough for golf carts, and when the sidewalk is built on Highway 98, close the access path automatically. He then directed Mosquito Control Cothran to look at using milled asphalt to create the path and detour any big timber as possible. Commissioner Yeager seconded the motion. After discussion by Commissioner Bryan, Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There being no public comment, the motion passed 4 to 1, with Commissioner Bryan voting no. Chairman McDaniel called for public comment. There was no public comment.

There being no further business, and upon motion by Commissioner McLemore, second by Commissioner Quinn, and unanimous vote, the meeting did then adjourn at 10:48 a.m., E.T.

**WARD MCDANIEL
CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST:

**REBECCA L. NORRIS
CLERK**